Free Burying Ground
or
Dissenters Cemetery

Later called The New Light

1825. Copy of Deed.

Know all men by these Presents, that We, James Pratt and Isaiah Breed both of Lynn in the County of Essex, traders, in consideration of two hundred dollars to us paid by the undernamed grantees, xxx do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey to John Ally Jr. ✓ Jabez Breed

Nestor Houghton Amos Mower ✓

Abel Houghton Wm. N. Mower

Jonathan Buffum Archelaus Newhall

Israel Buffum George Austin

Nathan Breed Nathan Silsbee ✓

Daniel Newhall Moses Purinton ✓

Sylvanus Newhall Enoch Mower ✓

Manuel Austin Philip Baker

Abel Houghton Jr. William B Breed ✓

Micajah C. Butman Rebecca Breed

Thomas Butman " " Snr

Robert Rich. Preserved Sprague
T Phillips Pelatiah Purinton
John Phillips James Phillips
Gideon Phillips Ebenezer Hood
Benjamin Hood Abner Hood
Richard Hood James Breed
Amos Austin Abner Newhall
Phebe Breed Asa Gove
A. S. Johnson Eunice Fuller
Winthrop Newhall Jonathan D. Phillips
Benfield Hanson. Micajah C. Baker
Stephen N Breed. William Estes
Bassett Breed William Luscomb
Asa Breed

to Have & to Hold the Following described parcel of Real Estate, consisting of about forty one Rods of land, situate in Leynn, in the Meeting House Field, so called, xxx

Copied
from the orignial records of
the Proprietors of the
Free Burying Ground
by
George C. Herbert

1925.

1825. April 7. At a meeting held at the store of Isaiah Breed. for the purpose of consulting upon the expediency of procuring a spot of ground, to be appropriated for a burial place in which those interested could have the right and privalege of intering their deceased friends and relatines, in the manner most agreeable to their own views and wishes without being subjected to the control or interference of eccleastic authority.

Abel Houghton was choses chairman and Moses Purinton, Secretary.

Voted that a committee of five be appointed to purchase a piece of land, situated in the rear of and adjourning the Quaker burying ground, and to prepare a paper stating the object of said purchase and present to such

persons as they think proper for subscriptions to defray the expense of said purchase and report to an adjourned meeting.

James Pratt, Isaiah Breed, Wm. B. Breed Sylvanus Newhall & John Alley Jr. were appointed.

Adjourned to meet Sunday evening at the School House, Ward 4.

(signed) Moses Purinton Secty.

1825. April 10.

The Committee reported that they had purchased the lot described above for $200. and that subscriptions for half that amount had been secured.

Voted - that Nathan Breed and Moses Purinton be appointed a committee to procure subscriptions to equal the sum of the purchase -

1875. April 17. The Committee reported that $190.50 had been subscribed. To make up the remainder and defray the expense of fencing it was proposed to lease the land to some person or persons for a certain number of years.

List of the original subscribers

James Pratt	12.	Wm W. Mower	1.
Isaiah Reed	10.	Archelus Newhall	5.
John Alley jr.	10.	George Austin	3.
Nestor Houghton	10.	Nathan Lilsbee	3.
Jono Buffum	5.	Moses Purinton	3.
Israel Buffum	3.	Enoch Mower	5.
Nathan Reed	10.	Philip Baker	3.
Daniel Newhall	6.	Preserved Sprague	1.
Sylvanus Newhall	8.	Thomas Phillips	1.
Manuel Austin	2.	John Phillips	3.
Abel Houghton	3.	E Hood	5.
Micajah C. Butman	1.	S. Phillips	3.
Thomas Butman	1.	B Hood	8.
Jabez Reed	1.	A. Hood	3.
Amos Mower	3.	W. Estes	2.
		Eunice Fuller	5.
		J. D. Phillips	1.

The land was purchased of
James Pratt and Isaiah Breed

1825- Sept 18,

At a meeting of the proprietors of the Free Burying Ground, so called, the Committee to provide for a fence reported. Deed was read and committee appointed to have it recorded.

Committee was appointed to give such advice and assistance in case of Funerals, as seems necessary and also to provide a sexton.

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Note- A copy of the deed is in the safe at the Friends Meeting House on Silsbee St. (10month 1925)
Recorded in Registry of Deeds. Octo 29- 1825
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1876. About the first of May some of the heirs and others interested in holding and preserving the Free Burying Ground, it having been much neglected for many years, called a meeting at Dr. Percivals.

At that meeting a committee was appointed to call upon all the heirs and others interested for contributions for the above object, this the committee did thoroughly. Heirs of but 13 of the orginal 51 subscribers responded to the call for aid.

Note. Names of the subscribers for the sum mentioned above, given on next page

Amos Mower	15.00
Thomas Butman	5.
Micajah C Butman	5.
Archelus Newhall	5.
Stephen N. Breed	5.
Isaac Buffum	5.
Manuel Austin	10.
Jonathan Buffum	5.
Nathan Breed	1.
Gideon Phillips	2.
M. Hood	5
Eben Hood	5.
Beetfield Hanson	2.
N. S. Johnson	4.
Isaac Breed	13.
Amos Austin	5.

1876. May 19.

Met again at Lydia Mowers with Micajah C. Putman - Chairman A.B. Percival - Secty and Treasurer. A committee was appointed to repair the grounds, fences &c, also to report a permanent committee to issue permits for burials &c and report to an adjourned meeting.

1876. June 5

Met at Dr Percivals. Committee reported that they had attended to the repairing of the grounds, building, painting and whitewashing fences &c

Their bill being $114.98

They reported for a committee to take ~~care of the~~ general charge of the grounds &c. Hiram Clifford, Edwin Putman and H. H. P. Dresser

1876. Sept 5.

Met at Dr Percivals, few present, no business.

1877- April 22.

Met at Dr. Percivals.

Subscriptions were solicited for the purpose of keeping the grounds in repair, Five of those present contributed. No business except urging upon the committee the necessity of prohibiting undertakers from using the grounds without a permit from them.

Adjourned to meet in April 1876

1876. April

Meeting called, four persons present, no business

1879- April. Annual meeting notified. six present, no business.

The following items taken from the Cash Accounts.

(as kept by Mrs. Percival)

1878.	Octo 1.	Collected by E. Butman	2.00
1880.	Apl 2.	" " Mr Clifford	5.50
1876.	June 3	E Butmans Bill for Fences -	90.00
1878	April	Paid E Butman	.50
	May 13.	" " " For Whitewashing	3.00
1880.	Apl 2	" Mr Clifford	3.15

"Assessment for Repairs in Dissenters Cemetery." - -

under the above dates.